

EDITORIAL ...

Jungles of Signs Will Soon Be Down

A "jungle of signs," erected by candidates for city posts in the April municipal election, has stirred up mixed emotions among local residents.

Some of the candidates have observed all of the rules, placing the signs a respectable distance from the side of the road, refusing to place the placards on fences, poles and trees, and have asked permission of the owners before placing them on their private property.

Their signs, however, are soon obscured by their competitors for the post, who place much larger signs directly in front of them.

Some signs have been torn from trees and posts on order of the city because placing them in those positions are violations of city ordinances.

WITHIN LAW

Needless to say, the strongest contenders for the positions have remained strictly within the law in the placing of their placards.

Almost all of the candidates have agreed to remove their own signs, win, lose or draw, as soon as the election is over.

The signs serve, it is supposed, a useful purpose by keeping the names of the candidates before the eye of the public.

The public, on the other hand, often finds them irritating, especially when they are placed on private property without permission, or when they are placed so close to the street they are a danger to passing traffic.

With the municipal election only three weeks away, however, the placards will soon be down, the jungles of signs will disappear, and the frantic campaigning for public office will be over for another two years.



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JUNGLE OF SIGNS — On the theory that "you can't tell the players without a scorecard," candidates for political office have loaded key intersections in Torrance with hundreds of campaign signs. Recognized as an integral part of an election, the signs become worthless litter the day after the votes are cast. Virtually each candidate, win or lose, has pledged himself to remove the signs following the April 10 municipal election.

Blount Challenges Annual Allocation to Chamber for 'Promoting' City of Torrance

Councilman Willys Blount, number one challenger for the post of Torrance mayor, yesterday pointed out that the administration of the city is spending approximately \$24,000 each year in special allocations to the Chamber of Commerce.

"Money is, in theory, paid to the Chamber to promote and advertise the city of Torrance," Blount said, "and to interest more commerce and industry in locating here."

"In actuality, the funds are used for diverse purposes and only incidentally for the reasons they were allocated."

APPROVAL

"A great number of Southern California cities have cut back, or completely eliminated, their annual 'do-



WILLYS G. BLOUNT
... Challenge

Shark's Tooth, Dinosaur Bone on Loan to Schools

Holding ancient relics in his hands is exciting for an adult, but make it a shark's tooth that dates back countless centuries, hand it to a young student and it becomes exciting education.

This is the education created by the more than 1800 earth science specimens distributed by the geology faculty of El Camino College to public and private schools in the ECC district.

Prepared sets of individual specimens that consist of rocks, ores and casts of fossil types are being distributed without cost to district schools that request them and are to be kept permanently by the school for use and display.

Intended as an introduction to the wonders of earth science study, the sets include petrified wood, dinosaur bone, volcanic rocks, metaphoric rocks, lead and copper ore, and a number of Palos Verdes rocks intended

to help local teachers with identification problems.

Among the fossil casts, other than the shark's tooth, are such items as a dinosaur footprint, an ancient trilobite and a fossil fern.

Collection of the specimens was made by staff members of the earth science department as well as by friends of the college.

The east of the shark's tooth was done from a fossil found by W. E. Ford, senior member of the department, in the Newhall district of Southern California, an area 3000 feet above present sea level.

All specimens are numbered and a corresponding number is found on a fact sheet of information that has basic identification along with brief descriptive matter.

Requests for sets should be made directly to the earth science department of El Camino at FA 1-1121 or DA 4-6631.

Bruinsma Endorsed by District Republicans

Ted Bruinsma, Republican candidate for Congress, 17th District, was unanimously endorsed by the 67th District Republican Assembly at its regular meeting March 8. A timely, informative political discussion was enjoyed by the members.

Bruinsma discussed the King-Anderson bill, the Cuban fiasco, the need for a strong stand against Communism and the threat to our economy by the current administration's policy of "spending our way to socialism."

Al Thorsen, 17th Congressional director, gave a report on the CRA Berkeley convention, its accomplishments and plans for 1962. The 67th Republican Assembly invites everyone to join is for a "get acquainted" buffet dinner March 25 from 1 to 6 p. m., at Higgins Brick Yard, 2217 West 174th St. (Artesia), Torrance. All those interested may call Jo Jeffries at OS 6-1522.

Candidate for Treasurer Tells Campaign Platform

Fred Spangler, candidate for the post of city treasurer, this week stated that this post should never be treated as a "rubber stamp" job, but rather as an important public office.

Its holder should be the voice and conscience of the citizens of Torrance and should alert them when their interests in city hall are being challenged. The treasurer should attend the meetings of Torrance homeowner groups as homeowners are vitally concerned about the large assessments and mortgages and want their tax money to be spent in the most economical way.

"Another challenge must be met by the next treasurer," Spangler said, and cited a more active management of the city's investment program and reinvestment of temporarily idle funds.

From time to time the city has large amounts of money in the bank account because revenue comes in big chunks but is spent gradually and in smaller amounts.

"This creates idle cash," he said, which could be wisely invested in time deposits, absolutely safe short-term federal or state securities, or treasury bonds to meet the time the money was needed.

Less of such securities, at an average yield of 3 1/2 per cent, are constantly issued by banks and must be studied. For example, amount of \$100,000 invested for three months can produce \$1000 in interest.

It is the responsibility of the treasurer, he said, to be aware of these possibilities.

High School Diploma Tests Now Available

Veterans who wish to obtain a high school diploma should enroll for tests of General Educational Development, more popularly known as the GED tests.

These will be given in the students' cafeteria of Banning High School, 1500 Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, every night of the week of April 2-5. The tests require five evening sessions of approximately three hours each.

Violation of Traffic Laws Cause Most Crashes

More than four-fifths of the 163,945 persons injured.

"Carelessness, inattention, physical disability, bad weather — all are frequently named as accident causes. The factor which appears most often, however, is non-compliance with law.

"If you want to avoid an accident, drive legally. This is your best safeguard against tragedy on the highway," the commissioner declared.

"At least one violation was present in 82 per cent of the 108,999 accidents reported in 1961. "The simple expedient of lawful driving could have saved more than 3100 of the 3839 lives lost, and 135,000



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IN THE
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Before her 10th birthday, she'll probably push a button and see a complete meal arrive automatically at the table. By the time she's married, an electromagnetic housekeeper will awaken her, prepare the toast and coffee, open the garage door and warm up the car. These new ideas in modern living depend on electricity.

The electric industry continues to lead in the research to find new ways to produce and use electricity. And logically so. Electricity is our business.

We have already produced it a number of new and different ways, involving the use of fuel cells, nuclear energy, thermionic conversion and magnetohydrodynamics. Whatever the source, electrical energy is limitless, and Southern California Edison will continue to bring you an abundant, dependable supply at the lowest possible rates.

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